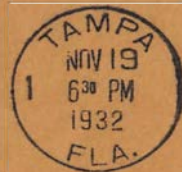


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Beloved Adhyapya:

Tonight I am going to talk to you about the Rays. There are many, many comparisons which can be made in discussing the Rays, and there is frequently confusion between the Lesser and the Greater Rays, but those which I am going to consider with you now are the Lesser, which you must not confuse with the Greater Rays, of which there are Twelve and which relate to the Mighty Cosmos.

I want you, therefore, to draw a circle on a piece of plain paper, a pencil line drawn around a teacup turned upside down will do nicely. Imagine this is a clock face, and place a dot in the center. Draw a line from 12 straight down to the center dot, draw a similar line from 8 min. past 12 to the center, then from 16 min. past and 24 min. past. Then from 24 min. of 12, 16 min. of 12 and 8 min. of 12. This gives you 7 pie shaped segments. Now, take the first section on the left hand side of the perpendicular line marking the beginning of the involuntary descent. Write in this space the word red, and outside on the margin write Lords of Flame. In the next space below this on the left hand side, write orange and in the margin Lords of Form, in the next yellow and Lords of Mind, then in the bottom piece green, and Lemurian, that is at the bottom of the circle. As you go up on the right hand side the first space is to be labeled blue with Hermetic in the margin; the next above that indigo, with Gnostic in the margin, or Aryan; and in the remaining space on the right of the perpendicular line, purple, and Devotional or Christian.

When you have laid this out and compared it with the lesson as it proceeds, it will make the matter very much clearer to you. I want you to conceive of the Rays as laid out upon the curves of Involution and Evolution, with the Green Ray at the nadir. Then remember that viewed from another angle the curves of involution and evolution are but the two sides of a spiral, so that the Rays can be met with on the lower and higher arcs. Think, also, of the rays as successive beams of light shining out, as the Logodial Consciousness turns upon itself, and you will conceive of them as successive manifestations, thus you will get the three primary and the four secondary Rays. You will find the clue to the Rays from looking upon them as something manifesting in an arc and not in a straight line, and if you look at this arc with a Green Ray in its center, you will see that the Red Ray of Personal Power is on the Involutionary side and corresponds with the Purple Ray of Personal Meekness and Compassion, Humility and Spiritual Power. The Magician is balanced by the Devotional Mystic; the Orange Ray balances the Indigo Ray; the Yellow Ray balances the Blue Ray; and in the Green Ray the Involutionary and Evolutionary Aspects meet. The Red end of the spectrum concerns the development of the Individuality; the purple end is concerned with the development of the Group Mind, and the Green Ray of Beauty connects them.

In the Red Ray you get strength of Image, strength of Desire; in the Orange Ray you get strength of Will. The Yellow Ray is the Ray of Wisdom, of Power thru Knowledge. The Green Ray is the Ray of Beauty and the Lower Love; we call it the Mayan Ray in this country, but it is also the Ray of Ancient Greece wherein, however, it did not reach as high a degree of perfection as it did in Ancient Maya, for it is a Ray that needs the Sun for its higher aspects, and touches lower aspects in the absence of the Sun.

The Blue Ray is the Hermetic Ray, with its roots in Egypt and Chaldea. It is the Ray of Concrete Mind, the Magician's Ray. The Indigo Ray is the Gnostics Ray, the Ray of the Abstract Mind,

and of Philosophy and of Science. The Purple Ray is the Ray of Devotion, the Ray of Healing, the Ray of the Master Jesus. Thus you must always reckon the Rays.

In the Divine Nature all qualities are to be found in perfect synthesis, but the human nature has to develop them one by one. Each Soul in its Divine Aspect contains all the Rays, but in human Incarnation one Ray is the Keynote, on it the others are built. It is this that makes people instinctively feel that they belong to one or the other Ray. It is also a common error to conclude that a Mystic and an Occultist must necessarily be on different Rays, whereas it is more likely to be a case of different combinations of Ray proportions in the Individual, for the Goal is the same, tho their Paths may vary.

Let us now endeavor to trace briefly some further correlations and correspondences which these Rays represent. The first Ray, as I told you, developed under those Great Archetypal Forces known as the Lords of Flame, the first emanation of the Great Solar Logos when engaged on the Evolution of His Universe. These great Sources of Dark Heat are represented to us as the Red Ray, the first primary color, and produced those Archetypal Molds upon which all Form is built.

Closely connected with these are those second emanations of the Logos known as the Lords of Form, who, amongst other things are engaged in the solidification of the dense physical body and providing a vehicle in which the Monad on its journey from the Divine to dense Matter can function as a human Being. These we may imagine as being on the Orange Ray, the mixture of red and yellow, the blend of Spiritual Archetypal Forces and Mind, remembering that Mind, in this sense, represents Form, for Mind works thru Thought Form.

In the third Logoidal outpouring, we have those Great Lords of Wisdom who galvanized and infused Life into the Forms evolved by their predecessors thru the Etheric Double. This is the mystery of Personality wherein the Mind takes possession of the vehicle. This we can image as the Yellow Ray, the second primary color, being often associated with Mind on this arc of Involution. There is also the third primary color, blue, associated with Mind, on the arc of Evolution. The Green Ray, the blend of blue and yellow, represents the Elemental and Nature Forces which gave to man his instinct, and developed in him those primitive Forces which made him conscious of the possession of Life. These, it is said, were worked out in the Lemurian Race thru the operation of the Forces of the Lower Astral Plane.

As the Consciousness of man becomes more and more immersed in the Physical Senses and his Personality becomes more individualized, so his Spiritual Consciousness became correspondingly dim. A certain contraction and coldness then appeared, which showed itself as the Blue Ray, which is associated with the Atlantean Race. It was during this phase of Evolution that Great Initiates appeared and undertook the training of Humanity, which led gradually to the development of the Consciousness of the Higher Emotions and Aspirations which operate thru the Forces of the Upper Astral Plane. Of these Initiates were Melchisedek and Manu Narada.

Man, however, for the most part, will long be plunged in the depths of Matter before the upward arc of Evolution lifts him again onto those High Spiritual Realms from which he came. Hence, we have in the Dark Ages of the Aryan Race, the Kali-Yuga, represented as the Indigo Ray, the color of the Night Sky before the Dawn. It is in these conditions that the Personality gains strength and individualization, and Concrete Mind develops its Power.

The Great Ones, who guide Evolution towards the exalted State of Consciousness to which They have attained, are ever on the

watch for those advanced Souls in Incarnation who are developing the qualities of the Abstract Mind. Many there are now who are consciously bridging the Gulf between the Personality and the Higher Self, and they are being gathered into what is known as the Purple Ray, that blend of the Spiritual Forces, brought into manifestation by the Lords of Flame and balanced by the blue Ray of the Personality, thru the Consciousness of the Concrete Mind. Here we may look for the development of the Sixth Root Race. In this connection, it may be recalled that a purple robe was placed on the Master Jesus, symbolizing His Spiritual Power, and that His Mother is usually depicted as wearing a blue robe, symbolizing the exaltation of Matter.

As the ever-Conquering Sun dispels the shadow of the Night, so the development of the Seventh Race will evolve the full synthesis of the controlled emotions, mental illumination and spiritual illumination, which will lead us on to the "At-Oneness" with the Logoidal Consciousness of the Seventh Plane, and the close of the cycle of Evolution.

Now, in what I have written there is much between the lines, and I am sure that you will draw many conclusions and deductions, not the least of which will be the realization that the Brotherhood is a pendant of the Esoteric Schools of the Purple Ray on the Inner Plane, and that you are slowly advancing, so that in time you will become "Priests after the order of Melchisadek." And I know you realize further that the Masters of the Inner Planes, who are now working with and perfecting Humanity, are contacting and teaching you thru their selected channel.

This is the time when you should receive your instructions regarding the next Fast. If you have taken the previous Fast, you may now take this additional one. If not, lay this exercise aside, bearing it in mind, and take it after you have taken your first step as outlined in Lesson 61. There are many degrees of Fasting, and you must become accustomed to it slowly. So, when you are ready, start your Fast by abstaining from food as you did before, following the instructions of that lesson exactly. In addition to this, there is a Fast for the Mind. During the period when you are abstaining from food, you are also to make a special, extra effort to dissociate yourself from everything negative and destructive in your Thought-World; you must learn to link yourself mentally with only the constructive, joyous and happy things of Life. It is the period for general housecleaning in your Mind, in which you are to unload and brush out all of the accumulated debris that has gathered in your Mind. You are to literally take hold of yourself and lift your Thoughts to new Heights of Transcendental Thinking, of optimistic, creative Thought. Now this new thinking, at a time when the body itself is undergoing its Fast, will have a very marked effect upon the cells, and the Intelligence in those cells. The cells must have their habits changed, their actions changed, and this new, special thinking of yours, at this time, is especially effective.

In addition to this, you have, also, the special paraphernalia for your Meditation Period, and this, too, should be given extra attention during this Fast period. At the end of four weeks, we will take up yet another phase and additional steps for you to do.

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood,

Sri Dayananda,

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